

1905-029 Chancery Causes: Sarah Hamblen vs. William Hamblen  
Lee Co.

Williams, Osborn

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices



To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court for  
Lee County, Virginia.

Humbly complaining your oratrix, Sarah Hamblin, a *resident* of  
said County for more than one year before the institution of this suit,  
would respectfully represent and show unto your honor, that she was  
married to Wm. Hamblin, her present husband, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_ in said County, and they lived together as husband and wife until  
the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905, when she became convinced that her  
said husband had been guilty of numerous acts of adultery in said  
County on Town Branch, near Jonesville, Virginia with different women,  
which acts of adultery were without her consent or connivance, and that  
she had not lived, or cohabited with her said husband since she became  
apprised of his <sup>said</sup> acts of adultery.

The object of this bill, is to obtain an absolute divorce  
from the bonds of matrimony existing between her and her said husband.  
To this end she makes the said Wm. Hamblin the party defendant to this  
bill and asks that he be required to answer the same, but not on oath,  
answer under oath being waived.

And that upon a hearing she be granted an absolute divorce  
from her said husband, and such other, further and general relief as her  
cause may merit. And your oratrix will ever pray &c.

*Sarah Hamblin*



Sarah Hamilton  
vs Bill in Chancery.  
Wm Hamilton.

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1905- 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Rules  
Bill filed Spa.  
executed  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Rules  
Cause set for  
hearing.

Costs:

Clerk	5.75 - pd
Atty	15.00 - <del>14.85</del>
Shff	.50
Com.	2.25
Wils	1.50
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	\$24.40

Decree Final Sept.  
Term. 1905.

1900 to 10



Sarah Hamblen

Plaintiff

against  
Mr Hamblen

Defendant

In Chancery.

This cause came on to be heard upon ~~the~~  
~~papers formerly on~~ the bill of the plaintiff  
the process duly executed on the defendant.  
the cause regularly matured at rules  
and set for hearing by plaintiff and upon  
the depositions of witnesses, and was  
argued by counsel, and the defendant  
failing to appear and demur or answer.  
On consideration of all which, It  
is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the  
bands of matrimony existing between  
the plaintiff and defendant be and are  
herely dissolved and the said parties  
are absolutely divorced from each other,  
and restored to all the rights of unmarried  
people; and that the plaintiff recover  
against the defendant her costs in this  
behalf expended. And the cause is  
stricken from the docket.



Sarah Hamblen  
vs Decree Final.  
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Mr Hamblen.

Entered in C. O. B. 8,  
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Enter this decree  
H. A. W. Stearns  
Sept 29 - 1905.



The depositions of ) Mattie Williams and others  
taken before me, Geo.P.Cridlin, a commissioner in chancery for the Circuit  
Court of Lee County, Virginia, on the 16th day of September, 1905, at  
the office of J.W.Orr, in the town of Jonesville, Va., pursuant to no-  
tice hereto attached; which depositions are intended to be read as evi-  
dence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery now  
pending in the circuit court of Lee County Va. in which Sarah Hamblen is  
plaintiff and William Hamblen is defendant.

Present J.W.Orr counsel for plaintiff, and Wm. Hamblen the deft/  
Mattie Williams a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn  
deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, and place of residence.

A.-- I am 17 years old, I reside on town branch near Jonesville, Va.

Q2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?

A.-- I am acquainted with Wm.Hamblen, but I can't say that I know his  
wife. I have known him for several years.

Q. 3.-- Do you know the time of their marriage?

A. I remember of hearing of it, and I suppose it has been about three  
years ago.

Q. 4.-- Do you know when they separated?

A.-- I only heard of their separation, and that she had left him, but  
I do not remember how long it has been. I don't think it has been as much  
as a year.

Q.5.-- Do you know of any misconduct on the part of William Hamblen  
since their marriage, with other women, or since their separation.

A.-- I can't say that I do. He has been at our house several times  
since he married, and on one occasion he asked me to sit down on the  
bed by him, and at times when I would pass him he would catch me by  
the skirt and pull me a little.

Q.-- Have you seen William Hamblen at any houses of bad repute, and  
if so when and where?

A.-- I saw him at Mrs.Elizabeth Kings' along last Winter; and I saw  
him at a certain Mrs.Carroll's about a month ago. The reputation of these  
houses are bad for the morals and chastity of the inmates. I have seen  
enough to convince me that the women at the Carroll house are bad



are bad characters.

Q.-- Does Sarah Hamblen and her husband Wm. Hamblen reside in this County and if so how long have they been residents.

A. They both live in this county and have been since their marriage.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness Claims 1 day .50

Mattie Williams.

Mary Williams, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1/-- Please state your age and place of residence.

A.-- I am 39 years old, live on town branch near Jonesville Va.

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit and if so how long have you known them?

A.-- I am acquainted with William Hamblen and have known him all his life, I only know his wife when I see her.

Q.3.-- State if you remember when they married and when they separated, if you know?

A.-- They were married about three years ago, and separated about a year ago. It is my understanding that she left him.

Q.4.-- State if you know any acts of adultery, or misconduct of that kind upon the part of William Hamblen since they married.

A.-- I do not know of any acts of adultery on his part, nor of any misconduct on his part. *He came to my house one morning and seemed to be intoxicated, and after I gave him his breakfast he laid down on the bed and went to sleep. This was about last summer.*

Q.5.-- Do you know of his visiting any houses of ill fame, or bad reputation for chastity and virtue, since his marriage?

A.-- I have seen him at Barbara Carrolls near Jonesville, and that is a house of bad reputation in that respect.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness Claims 1 day .50

Mary X Williams  
J. Mark

The further taking of these depositions is adjourned until Sept. 19th, 1905, at the same place.

Geo. P. Criddle, Comr. in Chg.



Met pursuant to adjournment at the office of J.W.Orr, Jonesville Va., on the 19th day of Sept/ 1905.

W.J.Osborn, a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, occupation and place of residence.

A.-- I am 30 years old, am a farmer, and I reside on Sugar Run, in Lee county Va. about two and one-half miles from Jonesville.

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit and if so how long have you known them?

A.-- I am acquainted with said parties. I have known WM/Hamblen about six years, but have only known his wife about two years.

Q.3.-- Do you know about the time they were married?

A.-- I heard of their marriage. It has been right at three years ago.

Q.4.-- State if you know when the plaintiff deserted or left the defendant?

A.-- I lived in about three fourths of a mile from Mr. Hamblen when his wife left him, she left him about one year ago.

Q.-- State if you know of any acts of adultery committed by the defendant since his marriage to the plaintiff, and if so when and where and all you know about it.

A.-- Along last Fall after she had left him he and I were out hunting one night and we went to the house of Mary Williams and staid there part of the night. we went there about ten oclock at night and staid until just a little before daylight. While we were there Mary Williams and her daughter Mattie Williams being there; Willaim Hamblen got in bed first with Mary Williams and staid there with her for some fifteen or twenty minutes, he then got up out of that bed and went and got in the bed with Mattie and staid there the rest of the time we staid there. And I heard and saw enough to be convinced that he and Mat were having carnal connection.

And further this depoent saith not.

*Wit 1 day. 50.*

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*W. J. Osborn*



Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I Geo.P.Cridlin, a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Mattie Williams, Mary Williams and W.J.Osborn were taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

This the 19 day of Sept. 1905.

Geo P. Cridlin  
Commissioner in Chancery.



Sarah Hamblin

vs. { In Eq.

William Hamblin

Depos. of

Mary Williams .50

Mattie Williams .50

W. J. Osborn .50

Cour. fee 3m. \$2.25

Filed Sept. 19, 1905.

J. H. T. Ewing,  
Clerk.



Mr. William Hamblin,

You will please take notice that on the 16th day of September  
*between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. & 6 o'clock P.M.*  
1905, at the law office of James W. Orr, in Jonesville, Virginia, I will  
proceed to take the depositions of Mary Williams and others, which are  
intended to be read in my behalf in a certain suit in Chancery pending  
in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, in which I am plaintiff,  
and you are defendant. And if from any cause the taking of said deposi-  
tion be not commenced on that day, or if commenced be not completed  
on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time  
*between said hours*  
and from place to place until completed.

Respectfully,

*September 14<sup>th</sup> 1905.*

*Sarah Hamblin.*  
*by Orr & Vail, her counsel.*



Sarah Hankler

ss Notice

Wm Hankler.

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Legal Service of the  
within notice is  
accepted. Sept 14/1905.

Wm Hankler



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

*H. M. Hamblen*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on the *1<sup>st</sup>* Monday in *September*, 190*5*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *him*

*in our said Court by Sarah Hamblen*

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 190*5*, and 1 *30<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

*H. C. T. Ewing*, Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.



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Sarah Hamblen

VS

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SUBPENA  
IN  
CHANCERY.

J<sup>m</sup> Hamblen

Ans & Noel p. q

To 1<sup>st</sup> September Rules.

Lee Circuit - Court.  
1905

executed by delivery  
a true copy of the  
within to w<sup>m</sup>  
Hamblen this sep  
2. 1905. J. Hughes  
D R for  
J<sup>m</sup> Ball  
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